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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, PDEV, SF, WA, GW
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: FOLLOW-UP TO SOUTH AFRICA'S
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTACT GROUP PROPOSALS

REF: STATE 106180

1. THE FOREIGN OFFICE IS IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT THAT
THE WESTERN FIVE MUST MAINTAIN WHATEVER MOMENTUM EXISTS
TOWARD ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL BY ALL PARTIES.
INITIAL REACTION TO THE DRAFT TALKING POINTS (REFTEL)
WAS POSITIVE AND OUR CONTACT (KREMER, DIRECTOR OF
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OFFICE FOR EAST AND SOUTHERN AFRICA) SAID THAT THEY
APPEAR TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE FRG. HE HELD OPEN THE
POSSIBILITY, HOWEVER, THAT THE CONTACT GROUP MIGHT
WANT TO MAKE MINOR CHANGES IN THE TEXT BEFORE APPROVALS
ALTHOUGH HE HAD NO PARTICULAR SUGGESTIONS TO MAKE AT
THIS TIME.

2. THE FRG, KREMER SAID, HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE WAY WALVIS BAY IS BECOMING THE KEY FACTOR IN AFRICAN AND SWAPO ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL. IT SEEMS OBVIOUS THAT THE WEST WILL HAVE TO TAKE A POSITION ON THE ISSUE EVENTUALLY. ACCORDINGLY, THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAS PREPARED A TELEGRAM FOR ITS CONTACT GROUP REPRESENTATIVE IN NEW YORK INSTRUCTING HIM TO SUPPORT THE IDEA OF A US STATEMENT ON WALVIS BAY ALONG THE LINES DISCUSSED BY THE US WITH THE PARTIES IN LAGOS. THAT INSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED TO RECEIVE HIGH-LEVEL APPROVAL IN TIME FOR A CONTACT GROUP MEETING ON APRIL 28. THE FOREIGN OFFICE UNDERSTANDING IS THAT OTHER CONTACT GROUP MEMBERS (INCLUDING THE FRG) WOULD THEN BE FREE TO ISSUE INDIVIDUAL STATEMENTS AS THEY DEEM APPROPRIATE.
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